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Applicant: Jayantha Amarasekera et al.

Group Art Unit: 1713

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Title: SILICONE COMPOSITIONS FOR
HIGH VOLTAGE INSULATOR
APPLICATIONS

Examiner: C. Lu Rutt

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated October 30, 2001, we respectfully request your consideration of the following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claim:

33. The composition of Claim 1, wherein the processing fluid is selected from the group consisting of an alkylpolysiloxane oil capped with hydroxyl, allyl or phenyl groups at both terminal ends of the molecular chain and a phenyl polysiloxane oil capped with hydroxyl, allyl or phenyl groups at both terminal ends of the molecular chain.

REMARKS

1. Claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 17-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as assertedly anticipated by Matsushita et al. (EP 0 787 772). The Applicants respectfully note that the